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(All figures in text below are in seasonally adjusted current dollars.)

New orders for manufactured goods in January rose \$5.4 billion or 3.6 percent to \$155.1 billion the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census reported today. This is the largest 1-month increase since the 3.9 percent rise recorded in October 1978.

Orders for manufacturers' durable goods were up \$3.7 billion or 4.8 percent to \$81.5 billion. The most significant increases were in the primary metals category. New orders for nonferrous metals were up \$1.1 billion or 20.3 percent, while steel orders increased \$1.0 billion or 19.1 percent. Companies reported that significant price increases in steel, aluminum, copper, and precious metals caused much of the increases. The steel industry whose orders were quite volatile in 1979, had reported declines of 3.3 percent and 8.9 percent in November and December. New orders for machinery were also up significantly in January. Both the electrical and nonelectrical sectors reported \$0.8 billion increases.

A sizable decline in new orders occurred in the transportation equipment industries, down \$1.0 billion or 6.0 percent to \$16.3 billion. The drop resulted mostly from a decline in aircraft orders of 19.9 percent. December orders for that industry were up 21 percent from the November level. Without the decline in the transportation industry, new orders for durable goods were up 7.9 percent.

New orders for nondefense capital goods were up \$0.4 billion or 1.6 percent to \$23.2 billion. The large increases in orders for machinery and other transportation equipment were partially offset by the decline in commercial aircraft orders. Defense capital goods orders dropped 5.2 percent, revised from the 2.8 percent decline reported earlier. New orders for the household durable goods industries as a group were up 9.1 percent with virtually all industries contributing to the rise.

Shipments of manufactured goods rose \$5.0 billion of 3.4 percent in January to \$151.3 billion. In the durable goods industries increases were widespread. Primary metals shipments

were up 7.2 percent, mostly attributable to a \$0.6 billion or 11.9 percent increase in the nonferrous industries. Transportation was up 4.0 percent. The automotive industry had its first significant increase in shipments since last May.

Shipments by the nondurable goods industries were up \$1.5 billion or 2.1 percent to \$73.8 billion. Increases in paper, petroleum, rubber and plastics, and leather were partially offset by declines in the food and apparel industries.

The backlog of manufacturers' orders in January rose \$3.8 billion or 1.4 percent to \$282.6 billion. The largest increases occurred in machinery, up \$1.7 billion or 1.8 percent; aircraft, up \$1.4 billion or 1.8 percent; and primary metals, up \$0.9 billion or 3.2 percent. The only declines came from the automotive, fabricated metal products, and shipbuilding industries.

The book value of manufacturers' inventories rose \$4.2 billion or 1.8 percent to \$232.0 billion, the largest 1-month increase since December 1974. The largest increases in the durable goods industries were reported by producers of non-electrical machinery, up \$0.7 billion; aircraft, up \$0.6 billion; and electrical machinery, up \$0.4 billion. Inventories of non-durable goods manufacturers rose \$1.8 billion or 2.3 percent to \$78.3 billion. The inventory to shipments ratio for January dropped to 1.53, the lowest it has been since last July when it also stood at 1.53.

The figures for the durable goods industries in this report supersede those issued earlier in the advance report on durable goods. The present report is based on more complete reporting, but the estimates are also considered preliminary. Final figures will appear in the report to be published for next month. Periodically all data are adjusted to benchmark levels as discussed later in the section Description of Survey. The advance report on durable foods for February is scheduled for release on March 21, 1980 and the full report is scheduled for release on April 1, 1980.

Table 1,---VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS FOR INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARKET CATEGORIES, AND SUPPLEMENTARY SERIES (Millions of dollars)

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Table 1.--Value of MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS FOR INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARKET CATEGORIES, AND SUPPLEMENTARY SERIES.-CONTINUED

(Millions of dollars)

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		All other nondurable goods industries	10,610	10,515	10,030		30,621	29,703	28,528	9,453	799'6	10,559	11,060	8,255	8,204	9,462	658,6	116,234	104,107

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19hipments and inventories are as of the period and are adjusted for trading-day and calendar-month variations; unfilled orders and inventories are as of the end of the period and are not adjusted for trading-day or calendar-month variations.

2 The supplementary series are regroupings of the separate industry categories as follows;

Household durable goods industries - Household furniture; kitchen articles and pottery; cutlery, handtools, and hardware; household appliances; radio and TV; ophthalmic goods, watches, and clocks: and miscellaneous personal goods.

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Table 2, -- VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' NEW ORDERS FOR INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARKET CATEGORIES AND SUPPLEMENTARY SERIES

Millions of dollars:

							Millions	of dollars										
				Seasonally	ally adjusted	ed						Without		seasonal adjustment ¹	int 1			
			Mon	Monthly			Quarterly					Monthly	ly				Annual	1
SIC	Industry	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	V		h-		Last 4 m	months		Last	4 months	a year ago			
		1980P	1979 ^r	1979	1979	1979	6261	1979	Jan.p	Dec.r 1979	1979	0ct. 1979	Jan.	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1978	Oct. 1978	1979	1978
							ALL N	MANUFACTURING, DURABLE AND NONDURABLE	NG, DURABL	E AND NOND		GOODS, TOTAL						
	All manufacturing industries: Total	155,137	149,758	146,569	146,640	442,967	430,326	425,195	144.771	142,086	144,297	153,346	132.056	130,517	136,066	142,776 1	1.732,015	1,541,861
	portation	138,788	132,368	130,228	130,954	393,550	379,899	370,268	129,261	126,056	127,956	134,085	113,213	113,544	114,954 1	119,654 1	,515,492	1,331,442
	unfilled orders	83.481	79,324	77,770	77,800	234,894	228,087	230,131	78,402	75,818	75,948	83,039	73,141	71,929	74,222	78.876	934,102	834,704
	Durable goods industries,	81,495	77,751	75,417	76,663	229,831	224,134	228,946	75,500	73,106	73,197	81,256	73,762	71,899	75,125	80,552	926,580	841,739
	orders	68,052	65,167	62,466	63,099	190,732	183,831	187,607	63,765	62,136	60,557	66,545	60,730	59,295	60,814	65,132	761,533	690,909
	Nondurable goods industries, total	73,642	72,007	71,152	726,69	213,136	206,192	196,249	69,271	086,89	71,100	72,090	58,294	58,617	60,941	62,224	805,435	700,121
	orders	15,429	14,157	15,304	14,701	44,162	44,256	42,524	14.637	13,682	16,391	16,494	12,411	12,634	13,408	13,744	172,569	153,795
	orders,	58,213	57,850	55,848	55,276	168,974	161,936	153,725	54,634	55,298	55,709	965,55	45,883	45,983	47,533	48,480	632,866	546,326
								MARKET CAT	CATEGORIES AN	AND SUPPLEMENTARY SERIES	NTARY SERI	ES						
	Market categories; Home goods and apparel. Consumer staples.	11,334	10,997	10,689	10,765	32,451	31,996	31,017	9,932	9,479	10,868	11,822	8,721 22,136	8,367	10,054	10,697	126,005	114,547
	Equipment and defense products, except automotive Automotive equipment	23.829	23,630	22,165	20,726	66,521	62,835	61,681	21,959	23,988	20,849	23,109	18,377	20,100	20,167	23,311 15,205	258,447	226,205 155,910
	Construction materials, sup- plies, and intermediate prods.	13,348	12,915	12,602	12,773	38,290	37,648	36,821	11,154	11,660	12,307	13,266	9,743	11,240	11,319	11,981	149,383	131,384
	orner materials and supplies and intermediate products	69,845	64,627	64,458	976,49	160,031	187,306	184,542	67,276	61,489	62,917	65,432	59,172	55,323	56,358	57,532	749,670	645,552
	Supplementary series; household durable goods indus-	5.076	4,651	4,642	4,714	14,007	13,932	13,907	4,453	4,194	4,561	5,080	3,914	3,978	4,285	4,551	55,939	51,456
	Capital gonds industries Nondufense.	26.803 23.222 3.581	26,636 22,860 3,776	25,438 21,419 4,019	24,012 20,999 3,013	76,086 65,278 10,808	72,350 62,784 9,567	72,813 63,485 9,328	25,094 21,428 3,666	26,420 22,571 3,849	24,221 20,447 3,774	26,987 22,560 4,427	22,527 19,679 2,848	23,044 18,895 4,150	24,100 19,939 4,162	27,101 22,092 5,009	299,216 259,721 39,495	261,400 219,693 41,706
	1							S	INDUSTRY GROUPS	PS AND INDUSTRIES	USTRIES			-	†		-	
32	Durable goods industry. Stone, clay and glass	4,647	4,156	4,144	64,079	12,379	12,279	12,223	4,035	3,562	4,072	4,325	3,204	3,570	3,783	4,162	48,145	44,164
33	PT	13,576 5,943	11,415	11,554	12,315	35,284	33,351	34,710	13,464 6,249	10,903	10,932	11,880	13,497	11,341	10,866	11,571	142,882	128,002 65,307
, c = c c c	metal products	6,308	5,244	4,988	5,440	15,672	14,822	14,464	156,5	5,205	4,675	5,297	4,786	4,754	091,4	4,537	59,802	49,500
34	Fabricated metal products,	9,348	159'6	9,035	9,503	28,179	27,007	198,72	8,454	996'8	8,758	069'6	8,504	8,868	8,529	8,702	111,622	910,66
35	Machinery, except electrical, total. Engines and turbines	14,910	14,130	13,816	14,102	42,048	40,489	39,414	13,828	13,802	13,093	14,245	12,126	12,782	12,272	13,244	163,304	142,863
354	Construction, mining, and material handling equipment Metalworking machinery General industrial machinery	3,033 1,224 1,366	2,956 877 965	2,315 935 1,206	3,139 1,040 1,205	8,410 2,852 3,376	8,276 3,118 3,248	7,767 2,697 3,365	2,932 987 1,240	2,734 867 977	2,228 951 1,096	3,029 1,025 1,193	2,574	2,592	2,553 918 948	2,604 788 1,104	32,301 11,486 13,491	29,376 9,681 11,292
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Table 2. --VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS 'NEW ORDERS FOR INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARKET CATEGORIES AND SUPPLEMENTARY SERIES --CONTINUED

(Millions of dollars)

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Table 3.--VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' UNFILLED ORDERS FOR INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARKET CATEGORIES AND SUPPLEMENT SERIES

					and the second s		(Millions	s of dollars	ırs)									
					Seasonally	lly adjusted	70						Without	out seasonal	al adjustment ¹	nt1		
			Mon	Monthly			8	Quarterly						Mont	Monthly			
SIC	Industry						;	•		:		Last 4 m	months		Last	4 months	(a year ago)	
		Jan. 1980 ^p	1979 ^r	1979	1979	1979	1979	1979	1978	1978	Jan.p	Dec. r 1979	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Jan. 1979	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1978	0ct. 1978
							ALL	MANUFACTURING,	ING, DURABLE	AND	NONDURABLE GO	GOODS, TOTAL						1
	All manufacturing industries:	282,642	278,846	275,471	273,047	271,946	269,086	259,267	238,652	222,368	282,690	277,153	274,721	273,707	245,032	237,134	233,600	229,031
	portation	178,878	176,099	175,370	174,347	173,440	173,753	170,129	157,742	150,641	177,499	173,713	173,347	173,363	161,336	155,758	153,520	152,496
	Durable goods industries, total	270,980	267,071	263,435	261,679	260,576	258,457	248,839	228,181	212,101	271,162	265,777	263,015	262,521	234,957	226,975	223,466	219,003
	Nondurable goods industries, total	11,662	11,775	12,036	11,368	11,370	10,629	10,428	10,471	10,267	11,528	11,376	11,706	11,186	10,075	10,159	10,134	10,028
								MARKET CA'	CATEGORIES AN	AND SUPPLEMENTARY	ENTARY SERIES	LES .						
	Market categories: Home goods and apparel Consumer stables.	} 4,562	4,538	4,665	4,767	6,963	5,001	4,771	4,108	4,613	4,261	4,223	4,515	4,907	4,090	3,906	4,112	4,467
	ucts, except automotive	} 156,788	154,691	152,163	150,500	150,430	148,905	144,844	134,669	125,074	157,908	155,241	153,125	152,182	137,083	134,991	133,339	130,419
	Construction materials, supplies, and intermediate prods.	20,505	20,772	20,499	20,741	21,037	21,114	20,955	20,195	19,746	20,522	20,648	20,411	20,648	20,330	20,069	19,619	19,804
	and intermediate products	100,787	98,845	98,144	97,039	915,516	990,46	769,88	089,67	72,935	666'66	97,041	029*96	026,86	83,529	76,168	76,530	74,341
	Supplementary series;² Household durable goods industries. Capital goods industries Nondefense. Defense.	3,568 181,769 133,857 47,912	3,408 179,055 131,563 47,492	3,494 175,818 128,925 46,893	3,663 173,117 127,107 46,010	3,914 172,199 126,199 46,000	4,020 167,963 122,825 45,138	3,915 160,318 115,730 44,588	3,347 147,787 104,225 43,563	3,796 136,747 97,248 39,499	3,267 182,778 134,105 48,673	3,199 179,356 131,567 47,789	3,385 177,142 129,800 47,342	3,780 175,353 128,695 46,658	3,305 151,098 107,043 44,055	3,193 147,951 104,167 43,785	3,338 146,563 103,906 42,657	3,639 142,898 101,701 41,197
								IND	INDUSTRY GROUPS	AND	INDUSTRIES		-					
	Durable goods industry:																	
32	Stone, clay and glass	2,971	2,904	2,880	2,928	3,096	3,009	2,832	2,943	2,737	2,950	2,778	2,792	2,852	2,872	2,816	2,635	2,707
331	P	30,550	29,607	29,981 18,181	30,252	30,024	31,902	31,463	26,738 17,179	24,844	30,329	28,737 17,071	28,534 17,344	28,806	29,126 19,000	25,980 16,612	25,036 16,425	24,637 16,012
,022-0,	metal products	6,855	9,295	9,187	9,193	8,833	8,445	8,115	7,443	6,729	9,835	6,063	8,608	8,743	7,912	7,264	6,613	6,743
34	Fabricated metal products	28,062	28,257	27,828	28,013	27,818	27,970	27,652	26,094	25,144	28,054	28,193	27,836	28,108	26,605	26,034	25,565	25,526
35 351 353	Machinery, except electrical, total physics and turbines and Construction minine and	59,671	58,729	58,260	57,524 16,689	57,323	57,296 16,896	56,565	53,037	50,860	59,326	58,343 16,828	58,279	57,711 16,832	53,732 16,706	52,726 16,809	52,441 16,555	51,855 16,661
354	material handling equipment Metalworking machinery General industrial machinery	8,687 7,459 7,198	8,449 7,072 7,098	8,199 6,975 7,251	8,275 6,922 7,181	7,977 6,756 7,210	7,993 6,111 7,249	8,078 5,699 7,054	7,957 5,100 6,840	7,624 4,738 6,730	8,660 7,347 7,140	8,356 7,114 7,027	8,125 7,093 7,193	8,175 6,984 7,195	8,117 5,280 6,801	7,869 5,125 6,778	7,723 5,083 6,861	7,596 4,859 6,872
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Table 3.--VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' UNFILLED ORDERS FOR INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARKET CATEGORIES AND SUPPLEMENTARY SERIES--Continued

(Millions of dollars)

		акој	0ct. 1978		29,857	96919	390	14,085	7,099	76.53	52,467	11,459	906"7	2.980
		4 months (a year a	Nov. 1978		29,872	6,755	344	14,084	7,274	80,080	55,944	11,071	968,4	2.941
tment 1		Last 4 month	Dec. 1978		30,201	6,685	362	14,274	7,443	81,376	56,813	10,795	5,071	2.771
onal adjus	Monthly		Jan. 1979		30,898	6,873	423	14,494	7,815	83,696	58,339	10,798	5,182	2.846
Without seasonal adjustment 1	Mor		Oct. 1979		35,373	7,490	358	16,214	9,887	100,344	75,102	11,086	5,916	3,411
W		months	Nov. 1979		35,148	7,438	316	16,111	776'6	101,374	76,575	11,023	5,855	3.197
		Last 4	Dec.r 1979	nued	35,265	7,423	310	16,209	10,040	103,440	78,810	11,064	5,967	3.054
			Jan. 1980	GROUPS AND IMDUSTRIES Continued	36,042	7,444	322	16,777	10,255	105.191	. 80,742	11.125	6,144	3,126
		:	1978	ND INDUSTR	29,094	6,543	387	13,595	6,785	71,727	798,64	9,682	4,771	2,925
			1978		30,427	6,777	419	14,206	7,587	80,910	860,098	11,005	5,091	2,939
	Quarterly	,	1979	INDUSTRY	32,569		438		8,532	89,138	63,199	10,947	5,423	3.197
ed			1979		33,906	7,275	687	15,489	9,186	95,333	69,763	10,906	5,640	3,401
Seasonally adjusted			1979		34,715	7,376	397	15,765	695*6	905'86	72,914	11,098	5,823	3.271
Season			1979		35,002	7,474	385		6,907	98,700	73,386	11,069	5,905	3,355
	hly	2	1979		35,224	7,465	385	15,969	10,044	100,101	75,144	11,065	5,898	3,263
	Monthly		1979r		35,552	7,533	358	16,137	10,235	102,747	77,893	11,279	5,992	3,283
			J980 ^p		36,300	7,498	328	16,651	10,529	103,764	79,321	11,163	6,225	3,437
		Industry group			Electrical machinery, total	distribution equipment and industrial apparatus	Household appliances	Communication equipment	Electronic components	Transportation equipment,	parts	Shipbuilding and military tank vehicles	Instruments and related products	All other durable goods
		SIC			36		363	366	367	37	3/2,6	3795	33	25

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Pheginning in 1976, the fiscal year for the Pederal Government probably affected the awarding of contracts and other financial arrangements. Although the impact of this change is not known, the use of previously established seasonal factors would have substantially distorted the current data since these seasonal factors reflect historical Government purchasing patterns. Therefore, beginning in July 1977, new composite scasonal factors were developed by combing the existing end of fiscal year information with data for the previous calendar quarter (i.e., one quarter preceding the end of the fiscal year. Information with data for the previous calendar quarter (i.e., one quarter preceding the end of the separately tabulated defense industries. This adjustment also modified the new orders data. Similar adjustments could not be made for nondefense Government orders seasonal factors will be used until a sufficient amount of data are available to assess the impact of the change in the fiscal year on the

Tublo 4, -- VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' INVENTORIES FOR INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARKET CATEGORIES AND SUPPLEMENTARY SERIES

(Millions of dollars)

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SIC	industry											Last 4 mc	months		Last	4 months	(a year ago)	
		Jan.p	Boc.	Nov. 1979	0et. 1979	111	1979	1979	1V 1978	111	Jan.,p	Doc.r 1979	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Jan. 1979	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1978	0ct. 1978
		1					ALI.	MANUFACTURING, DURABLE AND NONDURABLE	NG, DURABL	E AND NONDI	RABLE GOOF	GOODS, TOTAL						
	All manufacturing industries: Total	232,029	227,855	226,159	223,450	221,417	214, 339	205,589	198,041	193,764	233,581	227,658	225,134	222,296	202,336	979,979	195,872	193,459
	Total, excluding trans-	201,580	198,014	196,041	193,985	192,883	186,949	179,872	173,910	170,051	203,047	198,216	194,898	192,623	177,229	174,105	171,688	169,796
	unfilled orders	160,396	157,667	156,524	154,325	152,443	147,983	141,413	135,198	132,402	160,434	156,529	155,154	153,073	137,711	134,277	133,221	131,635
	Durable goods industries, total.	153,756	151,376	150,332	148,042	145,927	141,700	135,278	129,226	126,108	154,049	150,321	148,857	146,672	132,053	128,405	127,196	125,548
	Durable goods with unfilled orders	142,721	160,286	139,333	137,235	135,529	131,310	125,339	119,540	116,938	142,915	139,439	138,341	136,339	122,128	118,875	117,983	116,516
	Nondurable goods industries,	78,273	76,479	75,827	75,408	75,490	72,639	70,311	68,816	67,657	79,532	77,337	76,277	75,624	70,283	69,574	68,676	67,911
	Nondurable goods with unfilled orders	17,675	17,381	17,191	17,090	16,914	16,673	16,074	15,658	15,464	17,519	17,090	16,813	16,734	15,583	15,402	15,238	15,119
					1			MARKET C.	CATEGORIES A	AND SUPPLEN	SUPPLEMENTAL SERIES	95		, ,				1
	Market categories: Home goods and apparel	17,915	17,510	17, 326 29, 503	17, 293	17,501	17,398	17,573	16,966	16,862	17,588	16,960	16,634	16,825	17,008	16,427	16,157	16,246
	Equipment and defense products, except automotive	63,036	61,514 10,299	60,839	59,527	58,254 11,199	55,632 11,219	52,542	50,285	48,326	62,925 10,618	61,060	60,412	58,937	51,233	49,935	49,089	48,488
	Construction materials, sup- plies, and intermediate products	19,526	967,61	19,341	19,000	18,882	18,982	17,944	16,993	16,566	19,619	19,348	18,861	18,676	17,380	16,866	16,483	16,458
	Other materials and supplies and intermediate products	91,673	89,318	660'88	86,922	86,052	82,328	79,025	77,211	75,541	92,489	89,647	87,761	86,074	78,406	77,552	76,656	75,421
	Supplementary series: Household durable goods industries. Uries. Capital goods industries	9,331	9,169	8,938 67,777	8,866	8,881	8,828 61,710	8,831 58,139	8,692 55,370	8,657	9,164	8,880 67,927	8,670	8,646	8,680	8,427	8,376	8,380
	Nonde fense	9,646	59,076	58,541 9,236	57,466	56,471 8,519	53,730	50,540	48,203	46,229	60,435	58,666 9,261	58, 231 9, 198	57,019 8,810	49,016	47,888	47,305	46,581
								INI	INDUSTRY GROU	IS AND INDUSTRIES	STRIES							
32	Durable goods industries: Stone, clay, and glass products	5,664	5,577	5,599	5,522	5,445	5,372	5,144	4,826	4,741	5,734	5,541	5,385	5,310	4,994	4,794	4,606	4,525
331	T.J	19,967	19,905	19,419	19,149	19,065	18,578	17,761	17,962	17,573	20,321 11,338	20,153 11,257	19,354	19,006 10,619	18,161 10,128	18,187 10,142	17,936	17,499
333-0,9	Monferrous and other primary	7,551	7,609	7,338	7,175	7,195	806,9	6,638	6,911	976,9	7,589	7,525	7,243	7,031	6,783	6,836	6,853	6,829
34.1	Fabricated metal prod., total, Metal cans, barrels, and	19,354	19,279	19,223	18,771	18,682	18,584	17,796	16,834	16,378	19,257	18,997	18,845	18,523	17,048	16,616	16,374	16,442
	д-гатн.	1,584	1,578	1,546	1,447	1,362	1,380	1,293	1,211	1,204	1,512	1,360	1,317	1,246	1,294	1,045	1,077	1,108
35 352 353	Machinery, except electrical, total. Englines and lurbines. Farm machinery and equipment Construction and equipment	37,227 2,677 3,097	36,502 2,701 3,102	36,372 2,609 3,002	35,957 2,549 3,010	35,525 2,632 2,889	34,120 2,522 2,850	32,509 2,492 2,694	30,925 2,461 2,583	29,705 2,324 2,369	37,379 2,675 3,168	36,530 2,689 3,096	36,018 2,634 2,846	35,443 2,558 2,805	31,582 2,445 2,641	30,940 2,444 2,578	30, 122 2, 365 2, 327	29,665 2,368 2,249
354	material handlang equipment Motalworking machinery General industrial machinery	8,445 2,329 3,747	8,134 2,312 3,661	8,406 2,252 3,569	8, 214 2, 263 3, 487	8, 107 2, 231 3, 527	7,963 2,203 3,319	7,435	7,037	6,752	8,521 2,339 3,758	8,289 2,298 3,606	8,255 2,266 3,523	8,017 2,261 3,449	7,276 2,024 3,269	7,164	6,812 1,950 3,119	6,680 1,906 3,062
Sce	See footnotes at ond of table,												;					

		ear ago)	oct. 8		16,912 16,821	3,207 3,185 1,867 1,908 996 998 5,467 5,381 2,495 2,490	24,184 23,663 8,343 8,036	12,125 11,916	1,763 1,838	6,331 6,331 4,152 4,129 1,709 1,730	10,732 10,603	17,960 17,763 1,625 1 1,555 3,363 1,56 1,653 1,463 9,992 10,048		5,479 5,405	5,733 5,733 11,989 11,978 11,699 11,689 2,045 2,066	15,233 14,981	4,568 4,522 4,761 4,683	5,753 5,632	577 7 727 7	_
nt 4		Last 4 months (a year ago)	Dec. Nov.		16,779 16	3,252 1,869 5,356 5,356 2,495	23,874 24,	12,391 12,	1,670	6,352 6,4 4,209 4,	10,863 10,	17,858 17, 1,574 1, 3,418 3,418 3,9,9,885 9,9	3,829 3,	5,520 5,	5,826 5, 1,999 1, 1,679 1, 2,148 2,	15,719 15.	4,701 4,	5,551 5,	7 7 7 7	
nal adjustment	Monthly	Last	Jan. 1979		17,404	3,284 1,934 1,035 5,636 2,611	25,107	12,737	1,657	6,629 4,377 1,774	11,128	18,010 1,648 3,542 1,632 9,788	3,870	5,715	5,880 1,972 1,729 2,179	15,809	4,654	5,403	731	10000
Without seasonal	Mon		Oct. 1979		19,610	3,691 1,900 955 6,763 2,950	29,673	16,157	2,108	7,447 5,050 1,907	11,660	20,797 1,805 3,762 1,820 11,712	3,696	5,540	6,458 2,178 1,797 2,483	16,409	5,023	6,571	F 02 7	1000
Wit		months	Nov. 1979		19,804	3,720 1,896 954 6,903 2,976	30,236	16,883	2,221	7,500 5,142 1,878	11,715	21,096 1,896 3,745 2,100 11,708	3,652	5,611	6,566 2,236 1,830 2,500	16,822	5,100	6,686	869 7	0000
		Last 4	Dec. 1979 ^r		20,241	3,758 2,014 1,005 7,021 3,068	29,511	17,102	2,052	7,580 5,217 1,885	11,768	21,024 1,869 3,830 2,141 11,538	3,727	5,694	6,722 2,313 1,863 2,546	17,280	5,398	6,816	708 7	
			Jan.	ITES	20,705	4,112 2,070 1,018 7,285 3,100	30,534	17,868	2,062	8,041 5,385 2,184	12,078	21,119 1,934 3,823 2,115	3,791	5,911	6,880 2,343 1,905 2,632	18,195	6,002	7,059	4.912	
		=	1978	AND INDUSTRIES	17,012	3,163 2,024 1,005 5,401 2,531	23,714 8,500	11,532	1,833	6,292 4,098 1,711	10,693	16,784 1,568 3,236 1,384 9,311	3,449	909'5	5,839 2,005 1,710 2,123	15,235	4,590	5,408	4.563	
		ΛI	1978	GROUPS	17,066	3,248 1,953 1,031 5,431 2,508	24,131	12,593	1,775	6,468 4,243 1,752	11,014	17,262 1,673 3,453 1,437 9,308	3,619	5,666	5,875 2,006 1,710 2,159	15,429	4,591	5,423	4.602	
	Quarterly	-	1979	INDUSTRY	18,066	3,365 2,025 1,013 5,833	25,717	13,176	1,717	7,036 4,540 1,982	11,249	18,119 1,650 3,478 1,598 9,896	3,586	5,718	6,045 2,053 1,752 2,240	15,548	4,482	5,063	4.707	
ted		1	1979		18,714	3,524 1,956 984 6,129 2,850	27,390	14,696	1,675	7,336 4,799 2,031	11,606	19,106 1,716 3,614 1,605	3,716	5,645	6,344 2,090 1,785 2,469	15,901	4,677 5,196	5,347	4,870	
Seasonally adjusted		111	1979		19,486	3,632 1,967 963 6,595 2,897	28,534 8,811	15,481	2,064	7,456 5,021 1,926	11,734	19,856 1,753 3,679 1,704 11,070	3,746	5,686	6,422 2,137 1,843 2,442	16,582	5,021	6,354	4.962	
Season		Oct.	1979		19,817	3,730 1,982 958 6,758	29,465	16,169	2,116	7,491 5,091 1,910	11,870	19,871 1,844 3,688 1,867 10,814	3,693	5,746	6,538 2,198 1,809 2,531	16,610	5,038	005'9	4,818	
	hly	Nov.	1979		20,013	3,747 1,989 959 6,896 2,988	30,118	16,883	2,265	7,595 5,199 1,914	11,993	19,982 1,872 3,756 1,840 10,871	3,605	5,795	6,615 2,258 1,847 2,510	16,847	5,070	6,527	4,797	
	Monthly	0ec.	1979 ^r		20,585	3,753 2,106 1,042 7,122 3,086	29,881	17,400	2,180	7,713 5,259 1,971	11,934	20,326 1,990 3,869 1,888 10,875	3,523	5,848	6,779 2,321 1,899 2,559	16,978	5,277	099'9	4,750	
		Jan.	1980 ^p		20,999	3,819 2,098 1,076 7,402 3,118	30,449	18,041	2,114	8,048 5,337 2,224	12,048	20,308 1,957 3,755 1,912 10,980	3,576	5,923	6,864 2,346 1,925 2,593	17,827	5,878	7,028	4.803	
		Industry			Electrical machinery, total Electrical transmission	and distribution equipment and industrial apparatus. Household appliances. Radio and TV. Communication equipment. Electronic components.	Transportation equipment, total. Motor vehicles and parts	parts	tank vehicles	Instruments and related products, total	All other durable goods industries	Nondurable goods industrics: Prod and Kindred products, Fotal	Tobacco products	Textile mill products	Paper and allied products, total. Pulp, paper, etc Paperboard containers All other paper containers.	total	cept pigments	Petroleum and coal products	n. e. C	
		SIC			36 361,2	363 365 366 367	37	3731	3795	38 381-4 386	25	20 201 208 207 203-6,9	21	22	26 261-3 265 264 28	281.6	283,4	29		

Shipments and new orders are the totals for the period and are adjusted for trading-day and calendar-month variations; unfilled orders and inventories are as of the end of the period and are not adjusted for supplementary series are regroupings of the separate industry categories as follows: rading-day or calendar-month variations, 2 The supplementary series are recovered

Household durable goods industrics Household furniture; kitchen articles and pottery; cutlery, handtools, and hardware; household appliances; radio and TV; ophthalmic goods, watches, and clocks; and miscellaneous

9 personal goods.

Capital goods industries eries is comparable to the previous Producers' Capital Goods and the Defense Products (old series) categories.

Capital goods industries are machinery and equipment and machinery communication equipment, and profit and aircraft parts, and ordnance.

Nondefense products are machinery, except electrical (excluding farm machinery and equipment, aircraft and aircraft parts, and ordnance.

Defense products or shiphuliding and efense work filted by large defense contractors in the following industries: Ordnance, communication equipment, aircraft and aircraft parts, and shiphuliding. The data are comparable to those published annually in the MA-175, Shipments of Defense Oriented Industries, for the specified industries.

Table 5 .-- VALLE OF MANUFACTURERS! INVENTORIES, BY STAGE OF FARRICATION, BY INDUSTRY GROUP

(Millioos of dollnrs)

						õ	Quarterly						Month	ly .			
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	19801	1979 F	1979	1979	1979	1979	1979	1978	1978	Jnn. 1980P	Dec, 1979 r	Nov. 1979	0ct. 1979	.faa, 1979	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1978	0c1, 1978
									OTAL.								
All manafactaring industries, total		227,855	226,159	723,450	221.417	214,339	205,589	198,041	193,764	233,581	727,658	225,134	222,296	202,336	197,979		193,459
Burable goods (mightries, total	53,756	151,376	150, 332	148,062	145.927	161,700	135,278	4,826	126,108	154,049	150, 321	148,857	146,672	132,053	128,405	127,196	125.5
Primury metuling		19,905	19,419	19,149	19.065	18,578	17,761	17,962	17.573	20,321	20,153	19,354	19,006	18,161	18,187		17,49
Nonelectrical machinury		36,502	16, 173	15.957	35.525	34,120	12,509	10.925	79,705	37,379	36,530	36,018	35,443	31,582	30,940		29,66
Propagation marbinery		20,585	30,118	19,817	19,486	18.714	25,717	24,111	73,716	30,534	20,241	19,804	19,610	17,404	16,779		16,8,
Instruments and coluted products		7.713	7,595	7,491	7,456	7,336	7,016	6.468	6,292	H,041	7,580	7.500	7,667	6,629	6,352		6,3
All wheredone grade tametros		11,9 %	11,993	11,870	11.754	11,606	11,249	970.11	10.093	12,076	11.768	11.715	11,660	11,128	10,863		10,6
Chemicals and allted predacts	17.827	16,978	16.867	16.610	16.582	15.901	70,311	68,816	15.235	18, 195	17.280	16,277	75,624	70,283	15, 719		67,9
Patroleam and coul products	7,028	6,660	6,527	007,0	6,354	5.347	5,063	5,423	5,408	7,059	6,816	6,686	6,571	5,403	5,551		5,6
Rubber and plantler products, n.e.c All ather pandaruble goods industrios	4,803	4,750	4.797	4,818	4,962	4.870	44.993	43, 361	4,563	69,912	4,804	4,698	4,703	66,360	43,653	4,424	42.853
								MATTERIALS	AND SUPPL	ES					-		
								- The last total	T T	1		-				-	
All manufacturing industries, total		78.915	78,450	77, 311	75,751	73,785	71,282	68.078	67,152	81,202	79,638	78.4 12	77,217	69,778	68,757	67,673	67,1
Darible goods industries, total	,	48,818	48,406	47.734	46, 382	688, 44	43.570	61,468	41,093	49,787	68,963	48, 321	47,683	42,293	41,619	41,231	41,0
Slone, cluy, and glass products		2,217	2,192	2,157	2,040	2,035	1,940	1,842	1,815	2,300	2,239	2.149	2,115	1,906	1,862	1,819	1,7
Primity metals		7,463	7,296	7,116	65619	6,751	6,602	6,573	6.505	7,913	7,762	7,664	7,254	6,621	6,819	6,707	6,5
Numerical trickly were seed of the Numerical trickly with the seed of the seed	10,763	10,725	10,653	10,405	9,929	9,531	9,081	8,680	9, 197	10,780	10,768	10,476	10,185	8,813	8,709	9,456	0 00
Flor (ried michim vy		5,925	5.751	5.763	5,668	5,483	5,227	4,945	4,948	5,750	5,906	5,680	5,690	5,076	4,927	4,860	000
Teamsportation equipment		8,304	8.341	8,298	7,977	7.657	7.719	6.967	7,242	8,181	8,164	8,563	8,542	7,465	6,850	7,134	, H
Instruments and related products	2,729	5 018	5.047	2, 326	2,274	2,226	2.140	1,883	1,812	2,706	2,399	2, 363	2,333	1,965	1,891	1,878	H
ALL COLD CARGOON MODERN CARGOON AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AN		0 0 0	770 01	20.00			1 1 1 1 1 1	017 70	000		200	1010	100000	446 66	701 1	000 14	5 :
Chemicals mode industries, total	50,780 h, 149	5,998	6,131	6.017	5,873	28,940	5,794	5,456	5,627	6,426	6,088	6,179	5,951	5,692	5,544	5,516	26,1
Petroleam and conl products	1,708	1,692	1,833	1,840	1.774	1,504	1,452	1,336	1,646	1,729	1,700	1,845	1,857	1, 506	1,338	1,368	1,30
All other academble goods industries	1,806	1,717	20, 157	1,742	20,012	1,683	1,618	1,519	1,475	21,441	1,758	1,700	1,713	1,559	1,558	1,488	1,503
								WORK IN	PHOCESS								
All more The further industribes, feefel	79,805	78.525	77,967	76.873	75.718	72.796	68.6.88	66.166	64.793	79.716	77.669	77.320	76.669	67.097	68.808	65 261	64 61
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Stone, cluy, and glass products		821	8/19	8 17	826	842	771	697	689	784	771	784	77.3	708	0.00 0.00	500, 200	0.00
Permany medicine		7.072	6,916	6,935	6,945	69919	0,264	6, 168	6,127	6,811	7,012	6,788	6.779	6,403	6,320	6,198	6,13
Name of the second and the second sec		16 933	7,896	16 600	7,696	7,696	7,124	6,646	6,512	8,029	7,789	7,790	7,674	6,824	6,498	6,516	6,65
Electrical machinery	10,131	10,057	9,803	9,636	9,434	8.908	8,491	7,872	7,666	10,085	9,862	9.768	9,602	8,016	7.7.25	7,851	7,7
Transportation equipment		17,876	17,923	17,235	16,653	15,829	14,362	16,129	13,463	18,616	17,691	17,740	17,107	14,199	14,004	13,926	13,80
All other dayable goods industrics	2,571	2.600	2,558	2,598	2,555	2,681	2,551	2,654	2, 189	2,582	2,612	2,596	2.6/19	2,487	2,463	2,420	2,6
Nondarable goods lodustries, total		11,766	11,871	11,981	11,890	11, 335	10,982	10,717	10,469	12,013	11,672	11,929	12,040	10,831	10.635	10,739	10,7
Chemicals and silling products	2,674	2,637	2.575	2,632	2,681	2,474	2,497	2,465	2,402	2,664	2,452	2,587	2,616	2,485	2,485	2,433	912
Kubber and pleatics products, n.e.c.,	816	2,043	2,037 854	859	853	863	1,487	1, 3/0	765	842	653	2,036	898	1,459	1,356	789	1, 39.3
All other nonderable goods ladastries	6,389	6,452	60,405	6,501	6,500	6.,153	6,196	6.087	6,017	6,414	6,338	6.4120	6,543	6,060	5,980	6,084	6,14
								LINIS	ED GOODS								
All manaluctoring industates, total	71,736	70.415	69,742	69,266	8 16 69	68.258	69,69	63,798	62,820	72,665	70,351	69,182	68.610	65,461	63,717	62,958	61,7
Barabbe goods indastries, total		35,799	35.830	15,416 2 528	35,717	35, 354	34.052	32,309	31,691	36,501	35, 361	34,945	34,560	13,694	31,916	31,463	30,6
Primmry metula,		5, 170	5.209	5.098	5,161	5,158	4,915	5,021	4,941	5,547	5,399	5,102	4,973	5.137	5,048	5,031	8,4
Fubricated metals		4.518	4.569	4.337	4, 397	4,359	4,323	4.158	3,979	4,481	6,672	974,4	4,276	4.268	4,119	4.047	1,9
Nonelectrical machinery	9,303	8.854	8.936	8,950	9,203	8,969	8,443	7,974	7,749	9,308	8,854	8,750	8,725	8,163	7,969	7,659	7.5
True Harrie Committee of the committee o		3,701	1,854	3,932	3,904	3,904	3,636	3,035	3,009	3,737	3,674	3.933	4,024	3,463	3,020	3,124	2.9
Instruments and related products		1,878	1 857	1.843	1,856	1,894	1,768	1.573	1,561	1,832	1,831	1,804	1,802	1,661	1.518	1,507	1,540
ALL OTHER ROLL ROLL INSTRUCTION		016 10	4, 392	010.00	4,433	767.0	001.4	710.4	3,817	487.4	17110	7/0'6	070.0	0,1,0	3,838	3,740	0 0
Chemicals and allied products	8.804	8.543	93,912	7.961	M, 028	7.487	71,617	7.508	7.406	36, 10%	8.740	8.106	34.050	7.642	7.690	7.284	7.05
Petrobum and conl pristacts	3.172	2.925	2,657	2.571	2,726	2,198	2,124	2,717	2.679	3.237	3.087	2,785	7,701	2,638	2,857	2,952	2,87
Rabber and planties products, s.c.c All other neederable goods industries	2,181	20,949	2,220	2.217	2,399	2,326	2,287	2.288	2,323	2,271	2.193	2.132	2,122	2 . 16 5	2,281	7 1747	2,16
						70,673	19,949	18,975	18,721	21,491	20,970	21,214	21, 385	19, 352	18,973	19,11;	18,9

Table 6.--MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS MONTH-TO-MONTH AND LONG TERM PERCENT CHANGES

(Based on seasonally adjusted data)

	Moi	nth-to-mon	th	Aver	age monthly	rates of ch	ange	Average,	1975-1979
	Dec				3 months		12 months		
Item and industry group	1979 Jan. 1980	Nov Dec. 1979	Oct Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979- Jan. 1980	July- Oct. 1979	April- July 1979	Jan. 1979 Jan. 1980	Average rise	Average decline
Shipments:									
All manufacturing industries	+3.4	+1.6	-1.0	+1.3	+0.9	+1.9	+1.0	+1.7	-1.3
Durable goods industries, total Nondurable goods industries, total	+4.7 +2.1	+0.6 +2.5	-2.5 +0.7	+0.9 +1.8	+0.9 +0.9	+1.3 +2.6	+0.6 +1.4	+2.0 +1.6	-2.0 -0.7
Total inventories: All manufacturing industries	+1.8	+0.8	+1.2	+1.3	+1.0	+1.1	+1.2	+0.7	-0.3
New orders: All manufacturing industries Durable goods industries, total Nondurable goods industries, total	+3.6 +4.8 +2.3	+2.2 +3.1 +1.2	-0.0 -1.6 +1.7	+1.9 +2.1 +1.7	+1.4 +1.9 +1.0	+0.3 -1.6 +2.5	+0.8 +0.3 +1.5	+2.0 +3.3 +1.6	-1.5 -1.9 -0.7
Unfilled orders: Durable goods industries, total	+1.5	+1.4	+0.7	+1.2	+0.5	+0.4	+1.2	+1.3	-0.8

Table 7.--RATIO OF MANUFACTURERS' INVENTORIES TO SHIPMENTS AND UNFILLED ORDERS TO SHIPMENTS, BY INDUSTRY GROUP

(Based on seasonally adjusted data)

	Inve	ntoriessl	hipments r	atio	Unfill		-shipments backlog)	ratio ¹
Industry group	Jan 1980	Dec 1979	Nov.~ 1979	Oct 1979	Jan 1980	Dec 1979	Nov 1979	Oct 1979
All manufacturing industries, total	1.53	1.56	1.57	1.54	3.55	3.67	3.66	3.56
Durable goods industries, total	1.98	2.04	2.04	1.96	4.22	4.34	4.34	4.22
Stone, clay, and glass products Primary metals. Fabricated metals. Machinery, except electrical. Electrical machinery. Transportation equipment. Instruments and related products.	1.24 1.58 2.03 2.67 2.08 1.99 2.38	1.35 1.69 2.09 2.67 2.11 2.03 2.38	1.34 1.64 2.08 2.78 2.11 2.02 2.37	1.30 1.58 2.02 2.59 2.11 1.90 2.43	0.70 2.42 3.24 4.65 3.60 12.46 1.84	0.77 2.51 3.36 4.71 3.65 12.59 1.85	0.75 2.54 3.33 4.83 3.71 12.48 1.84	0.76 2.50 3.30 4.50 3.73 11.90 1.91
Nondurable goods industries, total	1.06	1.06	1.08	1.08	0.75	0.82	0.82	0.77
Food and kindred products Tobacco products Textile mill products Paper and allied products. Chemicals and allied products. Petroleum and coal products. Rubber and plastics products, n.e.c.	1.02 3.40 1.43 1.12 1.27 0.51	0.98 3.43 1.49 1.23 1.24 0.50	0.99 3.42 1.46 1.18 1.28 0.51 1.33	0.98 3.50 1.42 1.16 1.29 0.52 1.28	(X) (X) (NA) (NA) (X) (X)	(X) (X) (NA) (NA) (X) (X)	(X) (X) (NA) (NA) (X) (X)	(X) (X) (NA) (NA) (X) (X)

⁽NA) Not available. Preliminary. Revised. (X) Not applicable.

1Excludes the following industries with no unfilled orders: Wood and lumber products; glass containers; metal cans, barrels and drums; farm machinery and equipment; motor vehicle assembly operation; other transportation equipment; foods and related products; tobacco; apparel and related products; building paper; die-cut paper and board; chemicals; petroleum and coal products; and rubber and plastics products, n.e.c.

The following is a description of the survey and definitions used. These are provided to clarify the meaning of the items involved and do not represent any revisions from those definitions previously employed.

DESCRIPTION OF SURVEY

The Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders Survey (M3-1) provides monthly figures that are comparable to the annual totals published each year in the Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM). The ASM is a probability sample of approximately 70,000 manufacturing establishments drawn from the most recent 5-year census universe of about 312,000 establishments. In the ASM, each manufacturing establishment provides data on employment, payrolls, shipments, cost of materials, capital expenditures, and inventories as well as other selected items. Until 1976, the ASM did not compile information on unfilled orders or new orders. Since the ASM is establishment based, it provides data for each of the 425 manufacturing industries in the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system and area data for industry groups.

The estimates presented in the M3 report are based on a sample panel of approximately 5,000 reporting units, consisting of virtually all manufacturing companies with 1,000 or more employees and additional medium-sized companies that strengthen the sample coverage in individual industry cells. The reporting unit for many medium- or single-line companies comprises all operations of the company. Many of the larger diversified companies file separate divisional reports for their operations in different industries, although this divisional reporting is not followed by all large companies.

Each reporting unit in the monthly panel is classified into one of 79 industry classifications for tabulation. Many of the reporting units included mixed industry activity even within the broad industry categories of the monthly survey. However, the survey estimating procedure assumes that the month-to-month changes of the reporting units classified in each industry category effectively represent the month-to-month movements of the establishments in the SIC industries which make up the category. This ratio estimating procedure is used for all items compiled in the survey except for new orders which is discussed separately below.

The M3 series is periodically benchmarked to the ASM for shipments and inventories. The most recent benchmark was for 1974 through 1976 and issued in the report M3-1.7 released in March 1978. In the absence of benchmark data for unfilled orders, levels were set in August 1962 based upon the ratio of unfilled orders to sales for companies reporting in the M3. These levels were reset as of December 1973 in the M3-1.6 benchmark publication released in December 1976.

The M3 data are subject to some limitations primarily resulting from the relatively small sample used to develop the estimates and the use of divisional and company reports to extrapolate establishment based data. Precise measurement of these limitations based on estimates of the sampling errors is not available. In addition to the general limitations of M3 survey data, the estimated levels of unfilled orders are subject to further limitations due to the assumptions made in developing these levels, the definition of unfilled orders, and response

difficulties. These limitations are discussed in greater detail on pages i-iv in the introductory chapter of the latest benchmark publication mentioned above. Generally, the limitations to the unfilled orders data primarily apply to the absolute level of unfilled orders and, to a much lesser extent, to the month-to-month change in unfilled orders. Since this month-to-month change in unfilled orders is used to develop the monthly estimates of new orders, the estimates of new orders are subject to fewer limitations than the unfilled orders estimates.

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Value of Shipments—Shipments in the monthly survey are equivalent to value of shipments as reported in the ASM which are received or receivable net selling values, f.o.b. plant, after discounts and allowances and excluding freight charges and excise taxes. Included in shipments are the value of all products sold, transferred to other plants of the same company, or shipped on consignment.

Shipments also include receipts of establishments in the industry for contract work performed for other, resales, receipts for miscellaneous activities such as the sale of scrap and refuse; value of installation and repair work performed by employees of the plant; and value of research and development performed at the plant. In the ship building industry the value of work done in a given year varies considerably from the value of shipments because of the long lead time between the input of the materials and labor and the shipments of the completed ship. In the annual survey, therefore, the value of work done during the year is requested rather than the value of shipments. Value of work done is also reported by aircraft and missile producers working on cost-plus contracts.

The value of shipments figures developed from the ASM contain duplication at the all manufacturing and industry group levels since the products of some industries are used as materials by other industries within the industry group. With the exception of motor vehicles, it is not significant at the 4-digit SIC group level. Since the M3-1 industry categories typically are groupings of industries, this duplication is significant for all the manufacturing, durable goods and nondurable goods categories and the various market groups. The significance of the duplication within the specific M3-1 industry groups varies depending on the 4-digit industry composition of these groups. It is most pronounced in a few highly integrated industry areas such as primary metals and motor vehicles and parts.

Since most monthly reports are for the entire company or major divisions rather than establishments, the companies are requested to report net sales, i.e., total company billings after discounts and allowances. Companies which file divisional reports are requested to treat transfers from the division of the company to another as if they were net sales to outside customers. Although this definition of shipments in the monthly reports differs from that used in the annual establishment reports, it is assumed that the month-to-month changes in company sales in the industry are representative of the month-to-month shipments of the establishments in the industry.

Inventories—End-of-month inventories in the monthly survey are identical in definition to the end-of-year inventories in the ASM. In the ASM, respondents are asked to report inventories of individual establishments at approximate current cost if feasible; otherwise, "at book values." Since different methods of inventory valuation are used (LIFO, FIFO, etc.), the definition of the aggregate inventories for establishments in an industry is not precise. The figures on the change in inventories from one period to the next are of greater significance than the actual aggregates.

Inventories are reported by stage of fabrication: (a) finished goods; (b) work in process; and (c) materials, supplies, fuel, and other inventories. In using inventories by stage of fabrication at the all manufacturing and 2-digit industry levels as well as for the durable and nondurable goods sectors, it should be noted that a finished product of one industry may be a raw material for another industry at the next stage of fabrication. Insofar as the durable and nondurable goods sectors and also the 2-digit industry groups contain industries with successive stages of processing, the same type of commodity may be included under different inventory categories in the aggregate statistics.

New Orders and Unfilled Orders—The unfilled orders shown in this publication represent the net sales value of goods on order which have not been shipped. They are net of cancellations and include all adjustments resulting from contract

change documents. Only those orders supported by binding legal documents such as signed contracts or letter contracts are included. Some large defense contracts are authorized and funded in several stages. Only the funded portion of such contracts are included in these figures.

New orders are not calculated according to the standard ratio estimate procedure, even though they are collected as a separate item. The reason for this is that not all companies report new orders, and some that do limit their reporting to specific products for which long lead times are required in the production cycle. These companies, in effect, exclude new orders received for products that are shipped from inventory. To take advantage of the higher response rate for shipments data and to include orders filled from inventory, new orders are computed by adding the change in the backlog of unfilled orders to the current month's shipments. Thus, the estimate of new orders includes orders that are received and filled in the same month as well as orders that have not yet been filled. The estimate also includes the effects of cancellations and modifications of previously existing contracts.

Seasonally adjusted new orders are similarly derived from the monthly change in the seasonally adjusted backlog of unfilled orders and seasonally adjusted shipments. Many nondurable goods industries and some durable goods industries have no backlog of unfilled orders. Shipments are used as the estimate of new orders in these industries.



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